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Division for the Visually Impaired Task Force

Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019

Amanda McAtee, Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) Analyst and Task Force Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Other task force members present were, Mark Brainard, JLOSC Analyst, and designee for Co-Chair Holly Vaughn Wagner, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Director of Exceptional Children Resources at the Department of Education (“DOE”) representing Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education, Elisha Jenkins, Division for the Visually Impaired (“DVI”) Director, Wayne Marsh, Blind Vendors Committee Chair, Loretta Harper-Brown, BlindSight Delaware, Sonya Lawrence, parent of a child with a visual impairment, Debbie Harrington, representing higher education, Kevin McAllister, representing individuals with visual impairment and blindness. A quorum was present.

Co-Chair McAtee welcomed everyone to the second task force meeting, stated the purpose of the meeting, and started introductions. Co-Chair McAtee asked everyone to review the draft meeting minutes. Debbie Harrington made a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes, Loretta Harper Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0.

Co-Chair McAtee, discussed the results summary of the Meeting #2 - DVI Agency-Specific Worksheet, which included the sixteen responses received. Responses received were summarized in this document and full responses would be provided in the final report. Additionally, this data did not include responses from the task force co-chairs since the co-chairs would be responsible for organizing and presenting the information to the JLOSC. Co-Chair McAtee further explained that the results and response summaries were posted to the task force’s website in word and PDF formats.

Co-Chair McAtee reiterated that this task force was information gathering only, information collected from this task force would be submitted to the JLOSC for final decisions, and task force public comment would remain open until Friday, November 8, 2019. Co-Chair McAtee stated that public comment could be submitted via email or the Survey Monkey worksheet, which included the option to remain anonymous.

The task force discussed the task force duties and response summaries that were prepared for the Meeting #2 - DVI Agency-Specific Worksheet. The task force provided additional feedback that would be reflected in an updated version of the worksheet, which would be included in the final report.

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Co-Chair McAtee reminded everyone to submit any additional written public comment on these draft recommendations discussed before Friday, November 8, 2019.

Co-Chair McAtee concluded the meeting at 11:57 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully prepared by:

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.